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BRICKWORKS LOSES LIQUOR LICENSE FOR 20 DAYS

Chico – The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) today suspended the liquor license of the Brickworks Bar, at 177 East Second Street in Chico.

The action was taken after two incidents involving illegal activities.

The first incident occurred on September 19, 2002, in which the licensees allowed members of a band and numerous patrons to smoke marijuana. The club's staff did nothing to stop the drug use.

The second incident occurred on February 13, 2003, when the Chico Fire Department responded to the Brickworks Bar for an alcohol overdose. An 18-year-old female was transported, by ambulance, to the hospital for treatment.

Officers on the scene then arrested eight people, including six women under the age of 21 for being drunk in public.

It was the third significant police response to the Brickworks in several weeks.

The formal penalty is suspension of the liquor license for 40 days, with 20 days stayed for a period of one year. If during the year another incident results in ABC action, the 20 stayed days would be added to any future penalty.

ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Secretary Maria Contreras-Sweet, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.